

## **News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**

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### **Spratt Obtains \$500,000 for “Bishopville Bypass”**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that he has secured \$500,000 in federal funds for the “Bishopville Bypass.”

“The Bishopville Bypass will draw business investment into an area that badly needs it,” said Spratt.

The 3.5 mile frontage road would run from US 15 south of town to SC 341, parallel to I-20, and serve the Lee County Industrial Park.

“The bypass will be an added plus for the industrial park,” said Spratt, “making it more attractive to businesses that can bring more jobs to the area. I was pleased to join forces with my colleague, Rep. Clyburn, and obtain these funds. This is just a fraction of what is needed for the frontage road, but it’s a start, and we hope that it will prime the pump for more funding from the South Carolina Department of Transportation.”

Spratt said the federal money was included in the Omnibus Appropriations Act, which passed the House on Monday. The Senate might not take up the bill until mid-January.

“Until the omnibus bill passes the Senate, and the President signs it, provisions of this kind are still in play,” said Spratt. “But Senator Hollings has been a great help in the Senate, and with his help, we are optimistic that it will pass.”

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